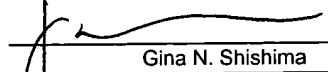


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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is September 26, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/AMBI:076US.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.